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Docket No. S63.2-9611

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Transmitted herewith for filing under 35 U.S.C. 111(a) and 37 C.F.R. 1.53(b) is a new utility patent application for an invention entitled: CATHETER WITH REMOVABLE BALLOON PROTECTOR AND STENT DELIVERY SYSTEM WITH REMOVABLE STENT PROTECTOR

and invented by: Thomas J. Holman; Louis G. Ellis; Gregory K. Olson; Linda R. Lorenten-Cornelius; Richard J. Traxler; Scott M. Hanson; Tracee E.J. Eidenschink; Sonja J.K. Williams.

If a CONTINUATION APPLICATION, check appropriate box and supply the requisite information:
☒ **Continuation** ☐ **Divisional** ☐ **Continuation-in-part (CIP)** *This Application is a continuation of divisional application fo co-pending application 09/528,613, filed March 20, 2000 which is a divisional application of co-pending Application 09/034,434, filed March 4, 1998, which is a Continuation-in-part of U.S. Patent Application No. 08/812,351, now issued 5,893,868.*

Enclosed (in addition to the 4 pages of this transmittal) are: **4 pages**

Application Elements

1. ☐ **Filing fee as calculated below:**
a. ☐ **filing fee is NOT ENCLOSED - fee will be paid at the time of responding to the Notice of Missing Parts -- DO NOT CHARGE DEPOSIT ACCOUNT**
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For	No. Filed	No. Allowed	No. Extra	Rate	Fee
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- d. ☐ Charge the issue fee set in 37 C.F.R. 1.18 at the mailing of the Notice of Allowance, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.311(b).

3. ☒ Specification having 45 pages and including the following: 45 pages

- a. ☒ Application Cover Sheet - 1 page
- b. ☒ Descriptive Title of the Invention
- c. ☒ Cross References to Related Applications *(if applicable)*
- d. ☐ Statement Regarding Federally-sponsored Research/Development *(if applicable)*
- e. ☐ Reference to Microfiche Appendix *(if applicable)*
- f. ☒ Background of the Invention
- g. ☒ Brief Summary of the Invention
- h. ☒ Brief Description of the Drawings *(if applicable)*
- i. ☒ Detailed Description
- j. ☒ Claim(s) as Classified Below - 7 pages
- k. ☒ Abstract of the Disclosure - 1 page

4. ☒ Drawing(s) *(when necessary as prescribed by 35 U.S.C. 113)* 18 sheets 18 pages

5. ☒ Oath or Declaration - 4 pages

- a. ☐ Newly executed *(original or copy)* ☐ Unexecuted
- b. ☒ Copy from a prior application (37 C.F.R. 1.63(d)) *(for continuation/divisional application only)*

6. ☒ Separate Power of Attorney 1 pages

- ☐ 37 C.F.R. 3.73(B) Statement *(when there is an assignee and power of attorney is from assignee)*. It is hereby certified that the undersigned has authority to make this certification and has reviewed all the documents in the chain of title of the patent application identified herein and, to the best of undersigned's knowledge and belief, title is in the assignee

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identified in the accompanying Power of Attorney.

☒ Power of Attorney filed in parent application.

7. ☒ Incorporation by Reference *(usable if Box 5b is checked)*

The entire disclosure of the prior application, from which a copy of the oath or declaration is supplied under Box 5b, is considered as being part of the disclosure of the accompanying application and is hereby incorporated by reference therein.

8. ☐ Computer Program in Microfiche *(Appendix)* _____ pages

9. ☐ Nucleotide and/or Amino Acid Sequence Submission _____ pages
(if applicable, all must be included)

a. ☐ Paper Copy

b. ☐ Computer Readable Copy *(identical to computer copy)*

c. ☐ Statement Verifying Identical Paper and Computer Readable Copy

Accompanying Application Parts

10. ☒ Assignment Papers: _____ pages

a. ☐ Assignment Recordation Cover Sheet (Form PTO 1595)

b. ☒ Assignment

c. ☐ A check in the amount of \$____ to cover the Recordal Fee

d. ☒ Previously recorded on 8/10/98, Reel 9390, Frame 0077

11. ☐ English Translation Document *(if applicable)* _____ pages

12. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement: _____ pages

a. ☐ PTO Form 1449 b. ☐ Copies of IDS Citations

13. ☒ Preliminary Amendment _____ 7 pages

14. ☒ Acknowledgement Postcard _____ 1 page

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16. ☐ Certified Copy of Priority Document(s) *(if foreign priority is claimed)* _____ pages

17. ☒ Additional Enclosures *(please identify below)*: _____ 2 pages

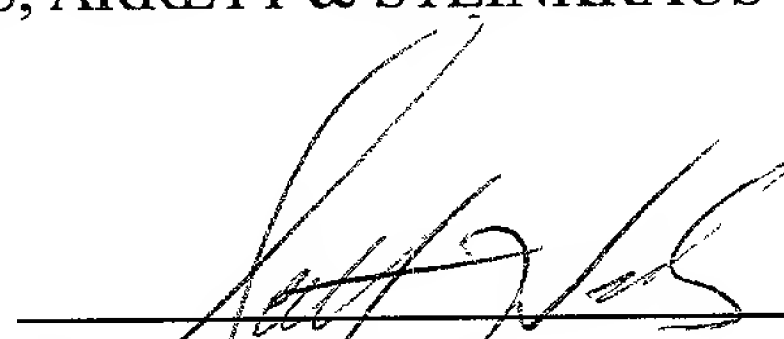
- ☒ Constructive Petition for Extension of Time and Fee Authorization Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a)(3) - 1 page
- ☒ Correspondence Address form.
- ☐ _____

Respectfully submitted,

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